

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1, 5-6, 8, 12-14, and 18-19 as follows:

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1. (Amended) A method comprising:

receiving a dialed service code from a calling party;

upon receiving the dialed service code, retrieving a list of parties previously called by the calling party;

generating an audio message based on the list;

communicating the audio message to the calling party;

receiving a dialed input from the calling party, the dialed input indicating a selected party from the list; and

initiating a call between the calling party and the selected party based on the dialed input.

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5. (Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the dialed service code comprises a vertical service code.

6. (Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the dialed service code consists of fewer than seven dialed keys.

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8. (Amended) A system comprising:

at least one telephone network element to receive a dialed service code from a calling party, to retrieve a list of parties previously called by the calling party upon receiving the dialed service code, to generate an audio message based on the list, to communicate the audio message to the calling party, to receive a dialed input from the calling party, the dialed input indicating a selected party from the list, and to initiate a call between the calling party and the selected party based on the dialed input.

12. (Amended) The system of claim 8 wherein the dialed service code comprises a vertical service code.

13. (Amended) The system of claim 8 wherein the dialed service code consists of fewer than seven dialed keys.

Sub B4 14. (Amended) A computer-readable medium whose contents cause at least one telephone network element to receive a dialed service code from a calling party, to retrieve a list of parties previously called by the calling party upon receiving the dialed service code, to generate an audio message based on the list, to communicate the audio message to the calling party, to receive a dialed input from the calling party, the dialed input indicating a selected party from the list, and to initiate a call between the calling party and the selected party based on the dialed input.

A5 18. (Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 14 wherein the dialed service code comprises a vertical service code.

19. (Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 14 wherein the dialed service code consists of fewer than seven dialed keys.

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 1-4, 6, 8-11, and 14-17 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Marutiak in view of Ohashi et al. In rejecting these claims, the Examiner asserted that Marutiak discloses each of the limitations recited in Claims 1, 8, and 14, with the exception of generating a audio message to the calling party. To overcome this deficiency, the Examiner asserted that Ohashi et al. discloses generating a audio message and that it would have been obvious to combine the disclose of Ohashi et al. with Marutiak.